HALWIN SCHOOL

THE HALWIN HEROLD

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2026

A very warm welcome back to all of our children, families and staff as we begin a new half term at Halwin. I hope you all enjoyed a restful break and found time to relax and spend time together. We are looking forward to another exciting half term filled with engaging learning opportunities and memorable experiences for all of our pupils.

Although Monday was an INSET day for pupils, we were delighted to welcome our Year 5 and Year 6 colleagues from across the Trust to Halwin for a day of collaborative professional development. It was a fantastic opportunity to share the excellent practice taking place across our schools, celebrate the ongoing work at Halwin and learn from inspiring professionals who continue to drive improvement across the Trust. We were especially proud to showcase our school, with visitors commenting positively on our beautiful grounds and the many developments that have taken place. It was wonderful to hear such positive feedback and a great opportunity to show all that Halwin has to offer.

This week, our children have spent time learning about Bonfire Night and its historical origins during our assemblies. Alongside understanding the significance of this annual event, pupils have also discussed the importance of staying safe when attending fireworks displays and celebrations with their families.

As we move into this half term, our curriculum focus is being led through a geographical lens. In Robins Class, pupils will be developing their understanding of life in the United Kingdom, comparing and contrasting the busy city life of London with life here in rural Cornwall. Meanwhile, Kingfishers Class will also be exploring life within the UK, learning about migration and considering the reasons why people choose to move and settle in different places. They will also be developing their understanding of time zones and how people experience different times around the world.

Finally, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you for your continued support. The strong partnership between home and school is invaluable and helps us to provide the very best opportunities for all of our children. I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday and to another wonderful half term of learning, growth and achievement together.

MR RICHES

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Wrap-Around Care link:
Please contact the school office

CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

Reminders for the Week Ahead

Remembrance Service Visit

We are looking forward to visiting Trinity Church for our annual Remembrance Service. This visit is for pupils only. Please ensure that all permission slips are returned before the visit on Tuesday so that we can finalise arrangements.

Children in Need

On Friday 13th November, we will be supporting Children in Need. Pupils are invited to come to school wearing spots, Pudsey-themed clothing, or brightly coloured outfits to help us celebrate this fantastic charity event. We will also be accepting donations from any families who are able and wish to support this worthwhile cause. As always, any contribution, big or small, is greatly appreciated.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week Beginning: 09/11/26
Week choices 2 from the Autumn / Winter term menu.

Please see Chartwells meal menu on the school website for details or scroll to the end of the Newsletter.



ATTENDANCE

As a school we aim for all our children to have at least 97% attendance throughout the year.

Overall attendance for Halwin this week was:

93.75%

Attendance for each class this week:

Robins: 95%

Kingfishers: 93.18%

THE PASTY BOX





The Pasty Box: Make Your Own Cornish Pasties

Enjoy the fun of pasty-making at home with The Pasty Box! Each box includes all the fresh ingredients needed to make 4 delicious pasties—perfect for a family of four.

Choose from three tasty options:

- Steak: Traditional Cornish classic.
- Vegetarian: Cheesy with fresh vegetables.
- Vegan: Wholesome seasonal vegetables.

What's included:

- Fresh, high-quality ingredients.
- Easy step-by-step instructions.

Families in our program can purchase a box for just £15, making it fun, affordable, and delicious.

Order now and bring a taste of Cornwall to your table!

The Pasty Box Crew Apron: Cook in Style!

Roll, crimp, and bake like a pro with our exclusive Pasty Box Crew Apron! Featuring the Pasty Box logo and "Crew," these aprons are perfect for budding chefs and seasoned cooks alike.

Key Features:

- Durable, high-quality material.
- Adjustable straps for a comfy fit.
- Stylish design with logo and "Crew" lettering.

Sizes:

- Adult: One size fits most.
- Child: Perfect for little chefs!

Order your apron today and feel like part of The Pasty Box family!



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POPPY APPEAL

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal at Halwin School

We are delighted to once again be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal here at Halwin School!

We have received a lovely selection of Poppy Appeal items which will be available for children to purchase during morning breaktimes and lunchtimes from Monday 19th October, giving everyone the opportunity to support this important cause.

As in previous years, and as part of our commitment to being environmentally conscious, we will be offering a selection of Poppy Appeal items, including the traditional paper poppies. Children will be able to choose from a range of items to show their support for this important cause.

We are proud to continue supporting the Royal British Legion and would like to thank our wonderful school community for their continued kindness and generosity. Every contribution, however small, helps to make a difference.



FRIENDS OF HALWIN

🎄 Join Us for a Wonderful Christmas Wreath Making Night! 🎄

The Friends of Halwin School are delighted to invite you to our Christmas Wreath Making Workshop, a festive evening of creativity, community and Christmas cheer while raising money for our school.

📅 Wednesday 25th November 2026

⏰ 7:00pm - 9:00pm

💷 £20 per person

Whether you're an experienced crafter or trying wreath making for the very first time, this is a fantastic opportunity to create your own beautiful Christmas wreath to take home and proudly display throughout the festive season.

✨ Mince pies and refreshments available

✨ Raffle on the night with great prizes

✨ A fun and friendly evening supporting Halwin School

Places are limited, so be sure to book early!

📧 To reserve your place, please contact: friendsofhalwin@gmail.com

We would love to see as many members of our school community as possible come along and support this wonderful event. Bring a friend, enjoy a festive evening, and help raise valuable funds for our children at Halwin School.

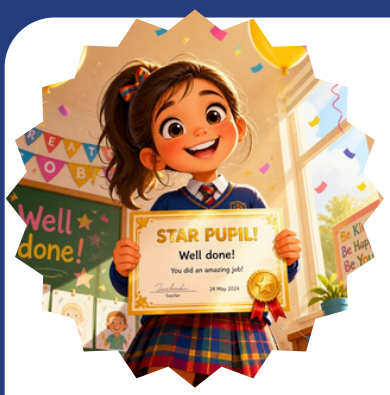


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STARS OF THE WEEK

 ROBINS	Ione
 KINGFISHERS	Poppy





CARE CHAMPIONS

Confidence	Harper
Aspiration	Eleanor
Resilience	Zeph
Enjoyment	









TEAM POINTS

B	R	G	Y
BLUE	RED	GREEN	YELLOW
691	520	755	468

HALL OF FAME



WHIZZ OF THE WEEK



Aimee & Carter

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KEY DATES

Wednesday 11th November	Rememberance Service at Trinity Church
Friday 13th November	Children in Need 'Celebrate with Spots!' + Pudsey Fun Run
Monday 16th November	Odd Sock Day
Monday 23rd November	Parent Teacher Meetings
Tuesday 24th November	Parent Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 25th November	Christmas Wreath Making
Tueday 1st December	Open Afternoon - Reception 2027 Stay and Play
Tuesday 8th December	Carols by Candle light @ Halwin (Carol Concert)
Wednesday 9th December	Christmas visit to Trinity Church
Thursday 10th December	Pantomime at The Hall for Cornwall
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 17th December	End of Autumn Term
Friday 18th December	Inset day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 4th January	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)

ATTENDANCE

The updated attendance policy is available on the school website:
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School doors open at 8.40am and registration is taken at 8.45am. Children who arrive after the registration period has closed (9.05am) may be recorded with an unauthorised absence mark for the morning session. The Government does not support parents taking children out of school, unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. The DfE does not consider a need/desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure/recreation to be an exceptional circumstance. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional you will need to complete the 'Leave of Absence Exceptional Circumstances' request form. Letters will not be accepted. This form should be returned to the school office at least 15 school days before the start of the absence. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence. There is now a national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered. Under the new rules, taking your child out of school for a one-week holiday will now mean that a penalty notice must be considered. Please note the legal information below:

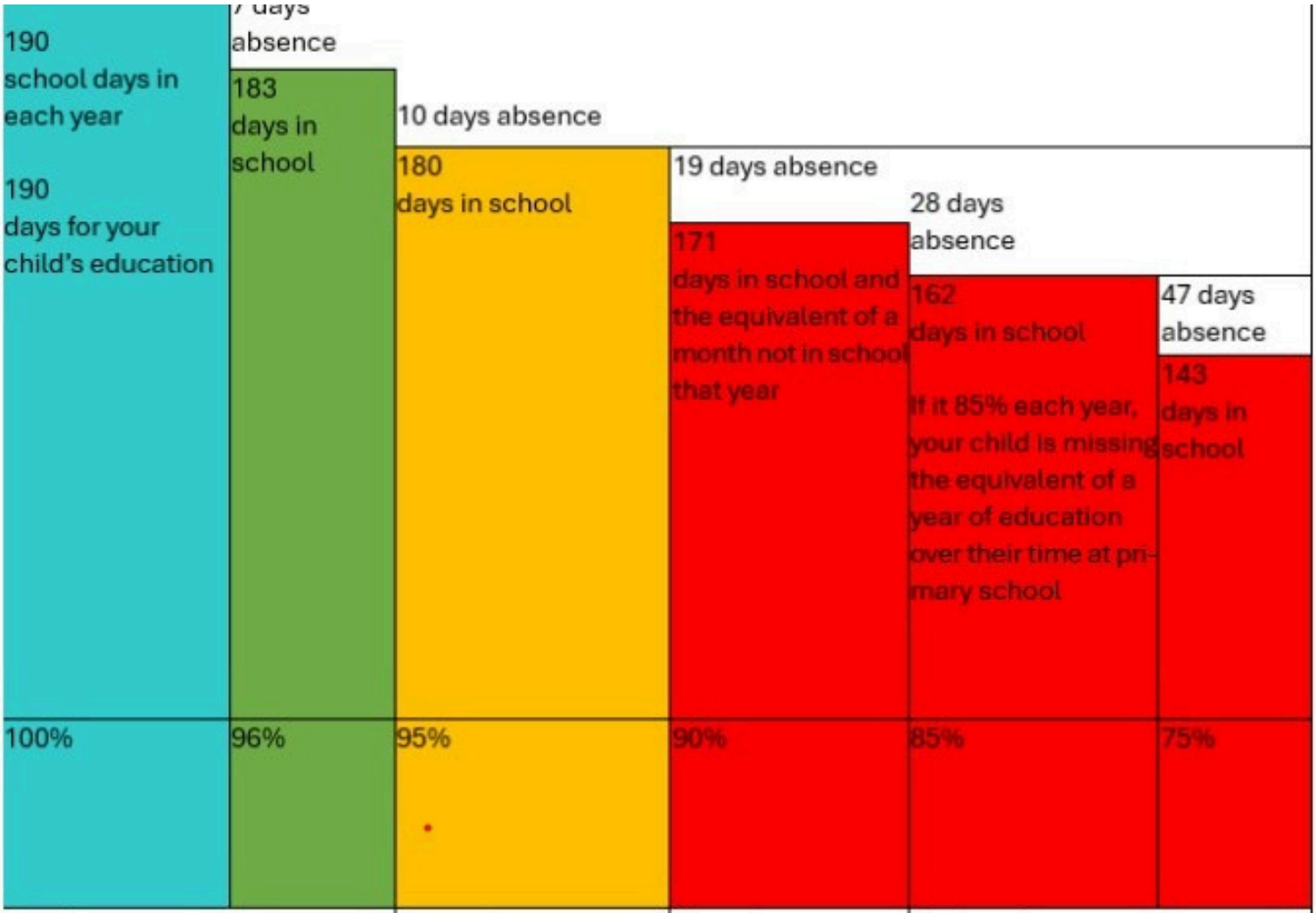
If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days. If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days. Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

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There are 175 non-school days in a year and 190 school days each year.



Good
-Best chance of success
-Gets your child off to a flying start
-Helps their confidence, social development as well as their academic progress
-Over 97% is considered excellent attendance

Some Concern
-Harder for your child to make progress
-School starts tracking your child's attendance closely, Medical evidence may be required to authorise further absences linked to illness

Worrying
-Your child is now classified as a 'persistent absentee'

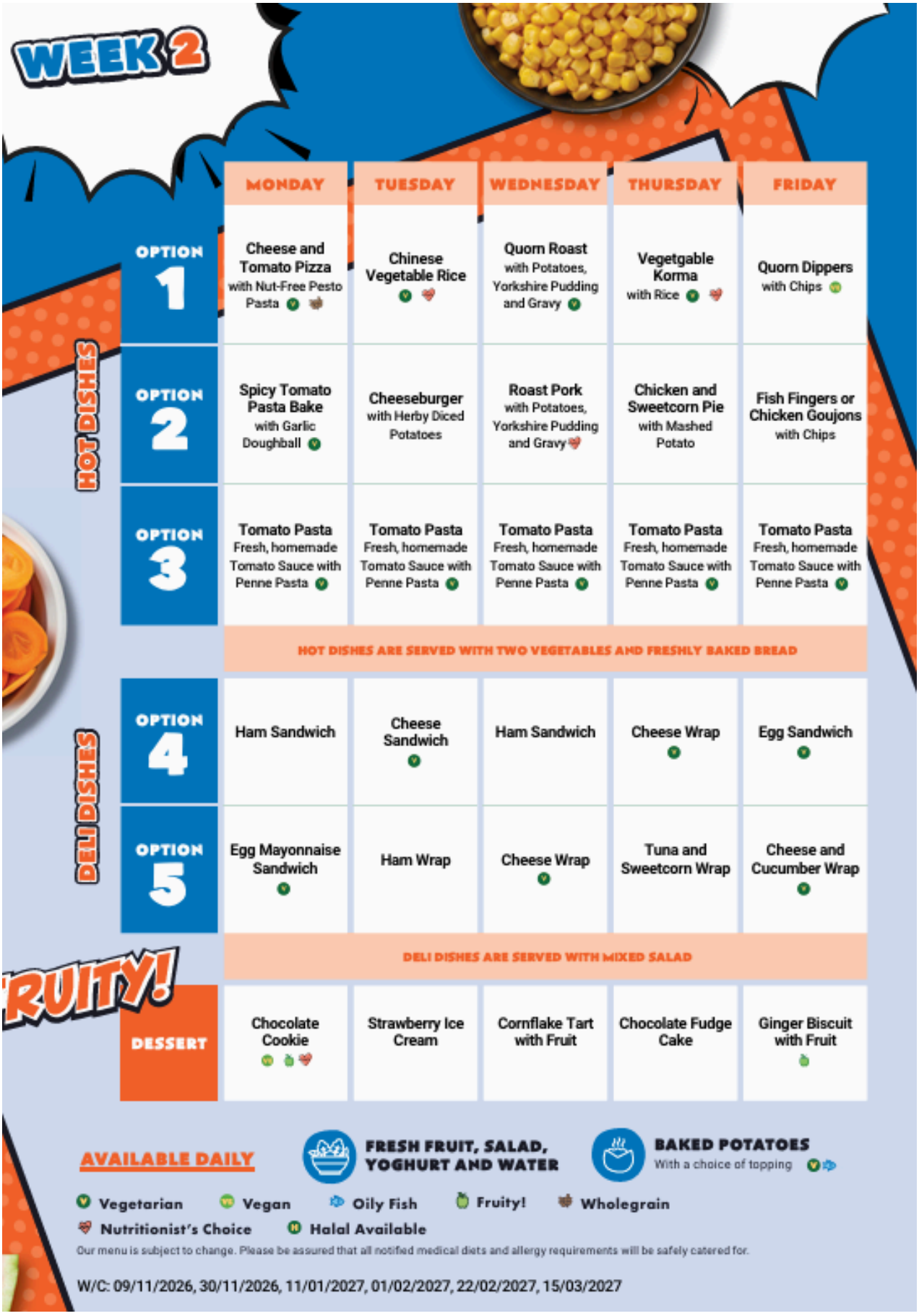
- Education Welfare Officer involvement is likely

Serious Concern
-Having a significant impact on your child's education and well-being

-Legal Action may be taken

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CHARTWELLS MENU

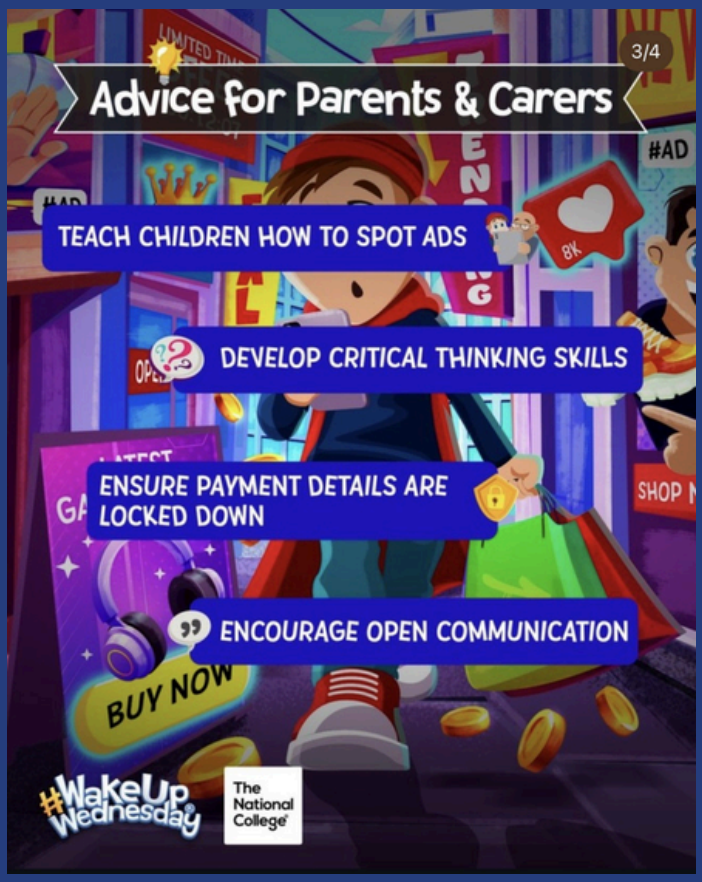


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ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

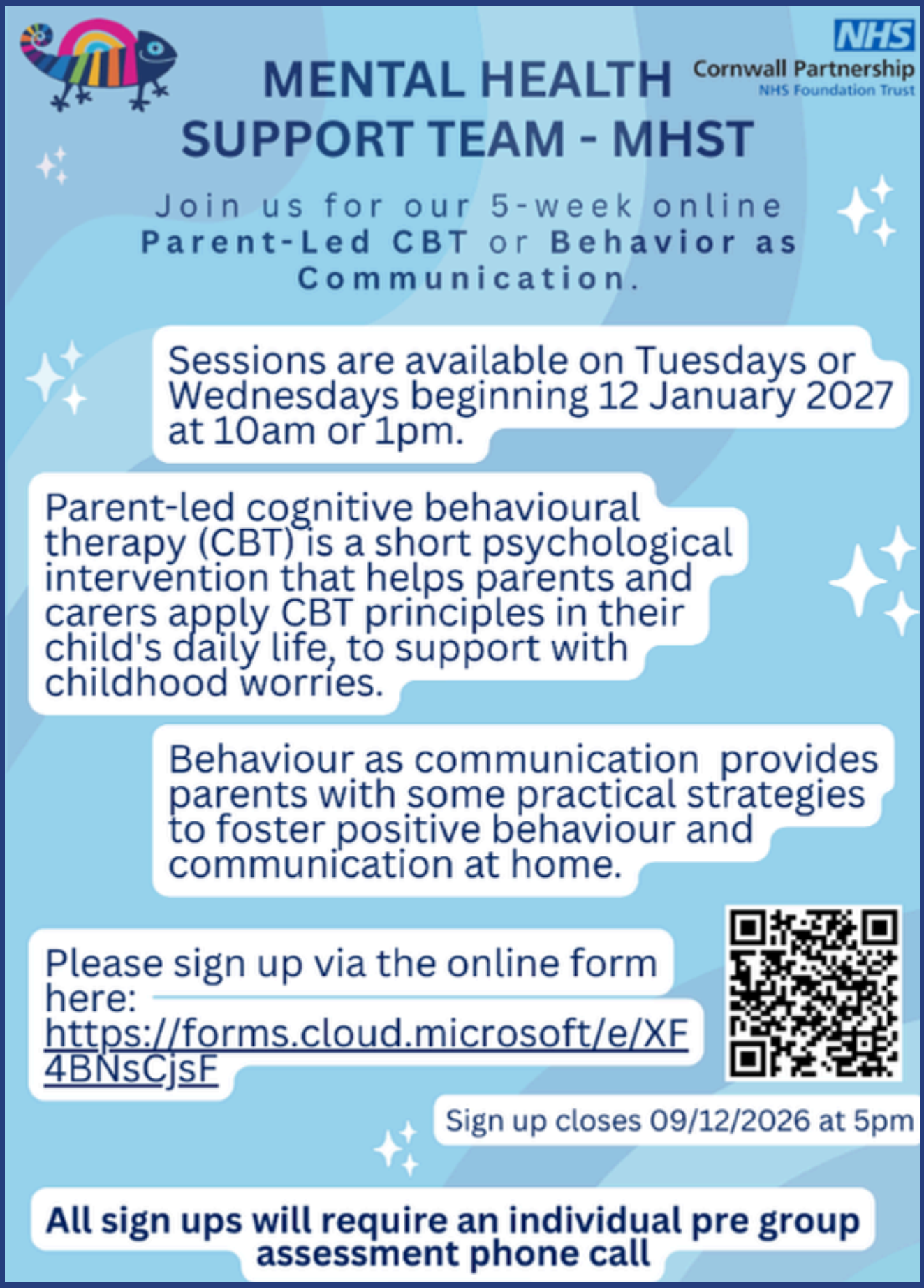






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ADDITIONAL NEWS



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